धमका कर पैसा छीन लेते हैं, कमीशन ले लेते हैं, इतना ही नहीं बिहार में उनकी हत्या कर देते हैं।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Out of Turn Promotion to police officers of Tamil Nadu

*105. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was received from Government of Tamil Nadu suggesting out of turn promotion for certain police officers for their unprecedented outstanding courage and planned action in eliminating the dreaded forest brigand Veerappan who was threatening the three States for more than three decades;

(b) if so, the action taken on this; and

(c) what is the stage of another proposal for conferring the Padma Shree award and Ashoka Chakra on a few police officers involved in the killing and encounter of the said Veerappan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of the State Government was considered but it could not be agreed to as the applicable rules governing promotion of IPS officers do not provide for accelerated promotions.

(c) The proposal for conferment of Padma Shree Award to one of the police officers involved in the killing of Veerappan was returned to the State Government as it was received after the cut off date fixed for receipt of such recommendations. The proposal received for the award of Ashok Chakra to another officer from Tamil Nadu who also participated in the operation against Veerappan was considered but the officer was not found suitable for being recommended for this Award.

Defence Procurement from Russia

†*106 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to procure defence equipments and sophisticated weapons from Russia; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Acquisition of Defence equipment is a continuous process. Defence eqipmerit is procured from various countries including Russia according to the requirements of the three Services. These acquisitions are made with the view to modernizing the armed forces and to keep them in a state of readiness to face any threat to national security. It would, however, not be in the interest of national security to disclose details of specific proposals under consideration for procurement of defence equipment from Russia or any other country.

Power Projects in Assam Funded under CPPFS

*107. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing projects funded out of the Central Power project Finance Scheme in the State of Assam; and

(b) the details of project-wise estimated cost amount sanctioned and released so far?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) There is no scheme in the name of Central Power Project Finance Scheme. However, under State Sector, Karbi Langpi HEP (110 MW) is the on-going Tenth Plan generation project. The current anticipated cost of this project is Rs. 557.42 Crores (at December, 2004 Price Level). The cumulative expenditure incurred up to January, 2005 is Rs. 165 crore. The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has sanctioned loan of Rs. 125 crores and North Eastern Council (NEC) has agreed in principle to provide Rs. 100 crores for implementation of the project.

In Distribution projects, under Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP), 13 projects with total cost of 408.54 crores have been approved against which Rs 96.97 crores have been released and Rs. 44.95 crores have been utilized. The details of these projects are given Statement-I (See below).

In addition, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region sanctions and funds for developmental projects in North Eastern Region including Assam through Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). List of projects sanctioned and funds released and funds utilized in the Power Sector under NLCPR to the State of Assam is given at Statement-ll.